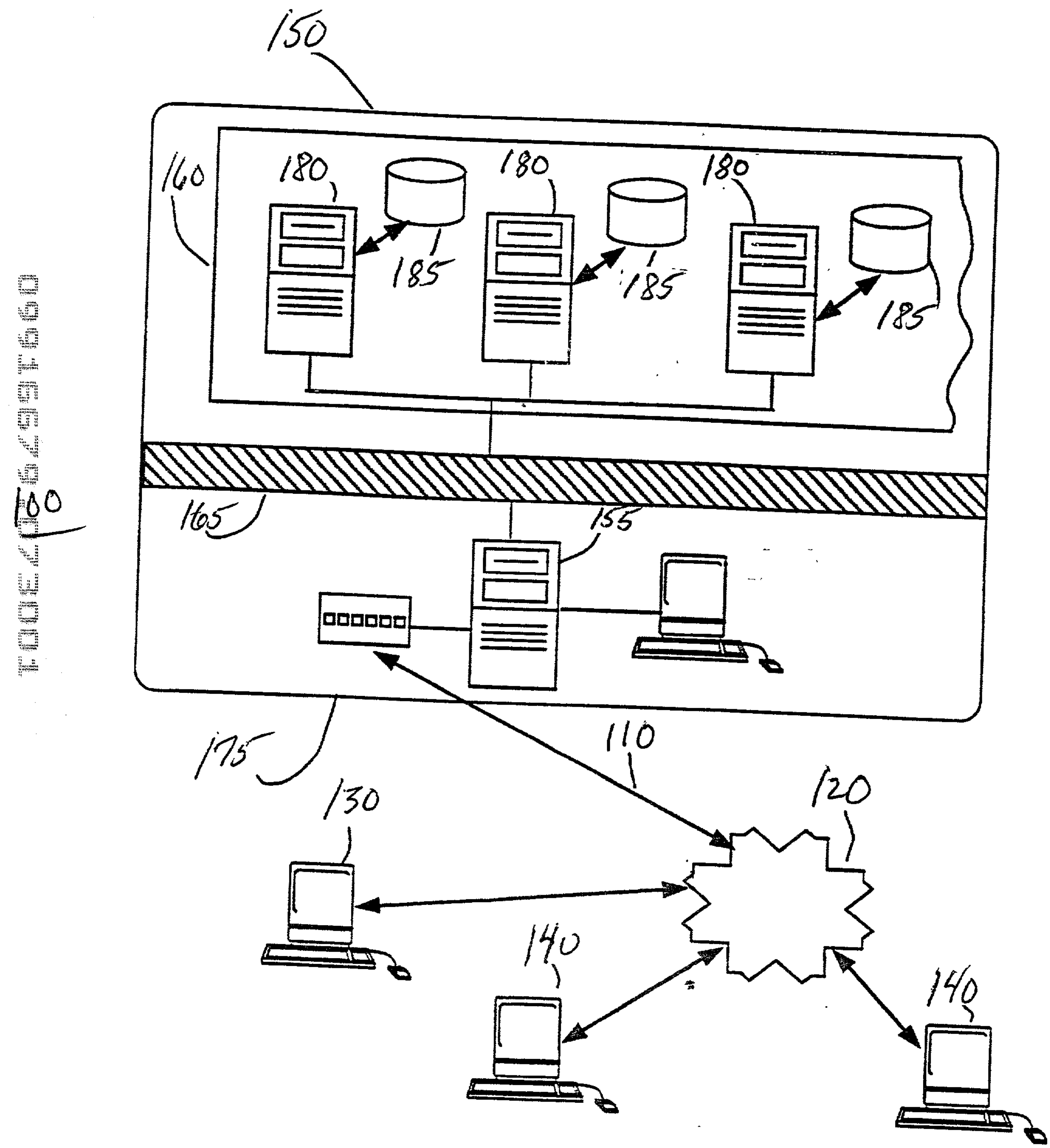
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Figure 1

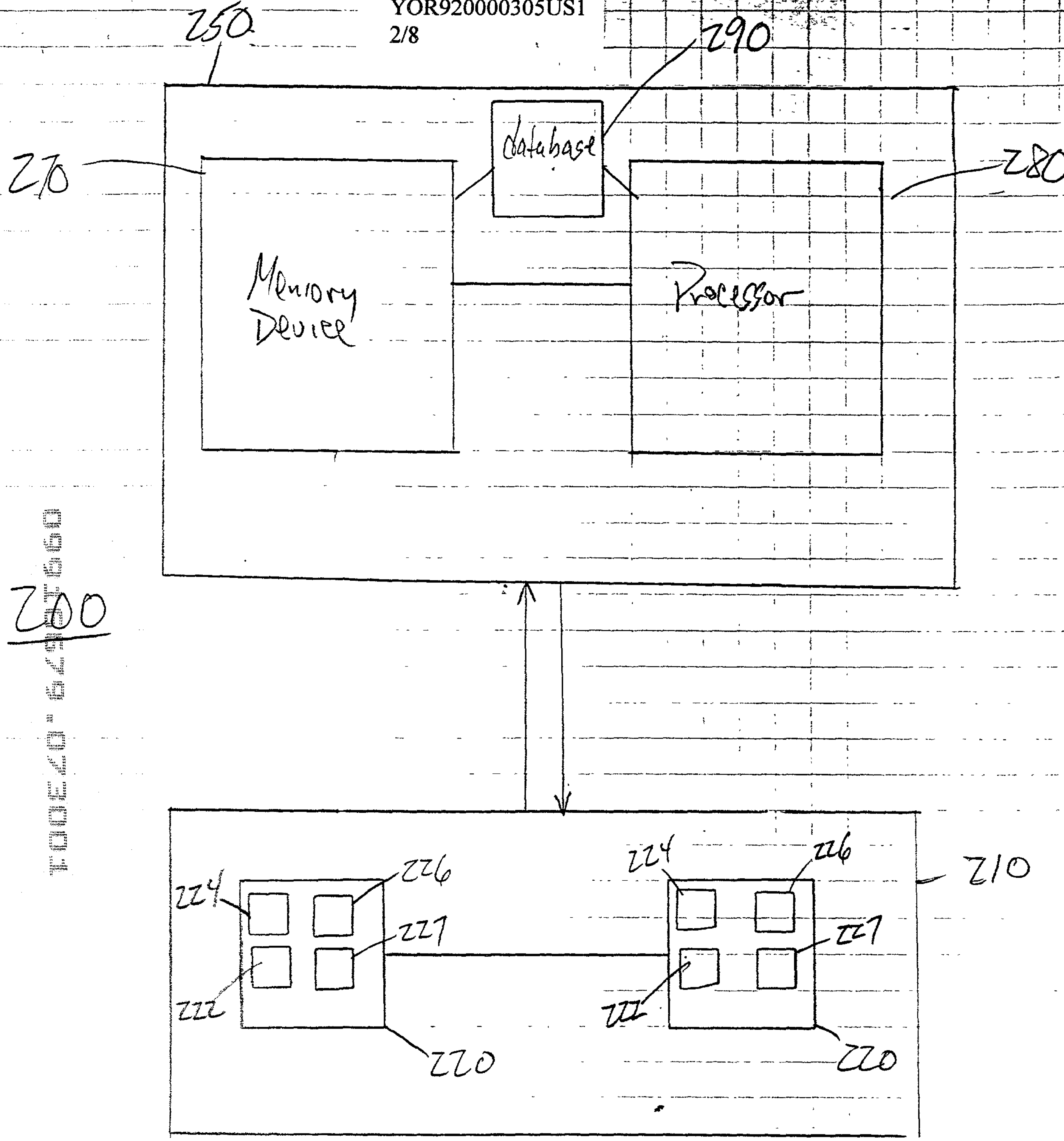
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Figure 2(a)

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SELLER - XYZ COMPANY

MERCHANDISE DESCRIPTION	LOT NUMBER	EXPIRATION DATE	PRICE PER UNIT ($)
Aspirin, Brand X	99-001	1/02	1.50
	99-002	12/02	2.00
	00-003	12/03	2.50
Aspirin, Brand Y	00-001	12/03	2.50
	00-002	6/03	3.00
	01-003	6/04	4.00

310 320

Figure 2(b)

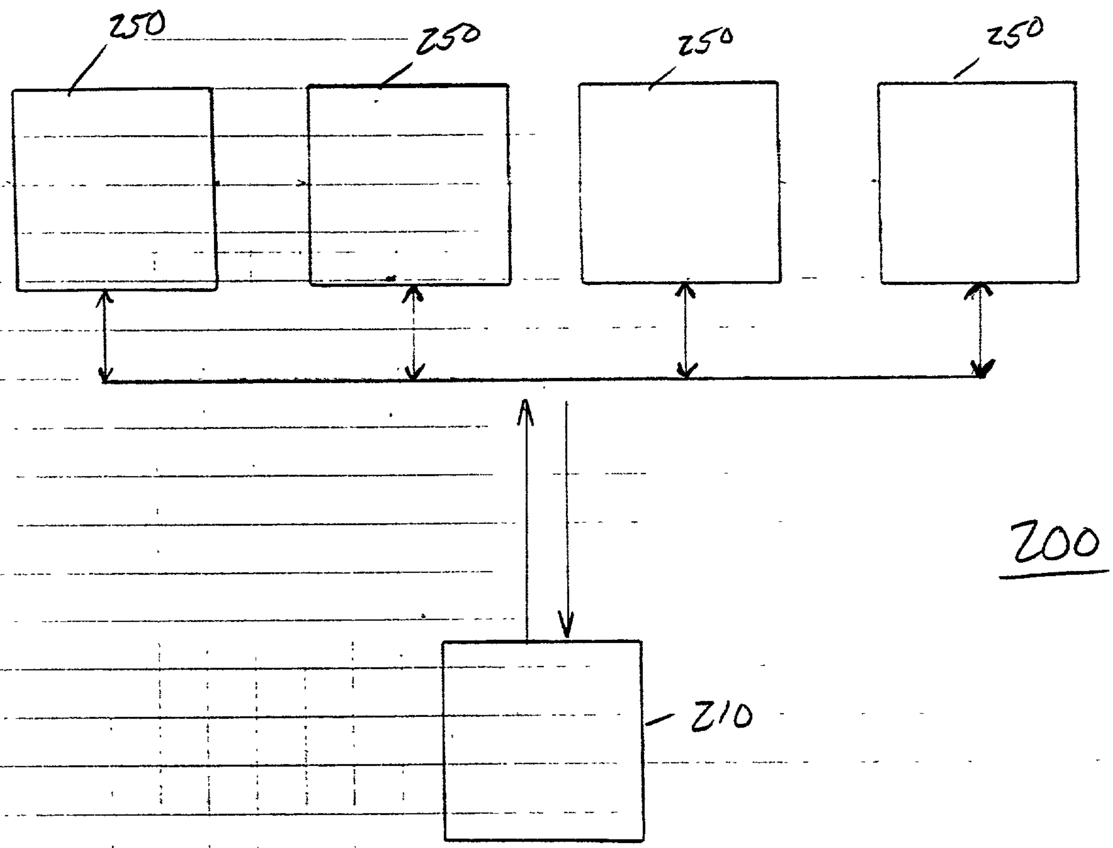


Figure 3(a)

(351) Initial price = cost to seller X (1 + x% profit margin)

(352) Final price = y% of initial price

(353) Price reduction per unit period = (initial price - final price) / # of unit periods in expiration period

(354) Adjusted initial price = initial price - ((price reduction per unit period) X (# of unit periods))

(355) Total price of merchandise to purchaser = adjusted Initial price - quantity discount factor + shipping charge + applicable taxes

350

Figure 3(b)

400

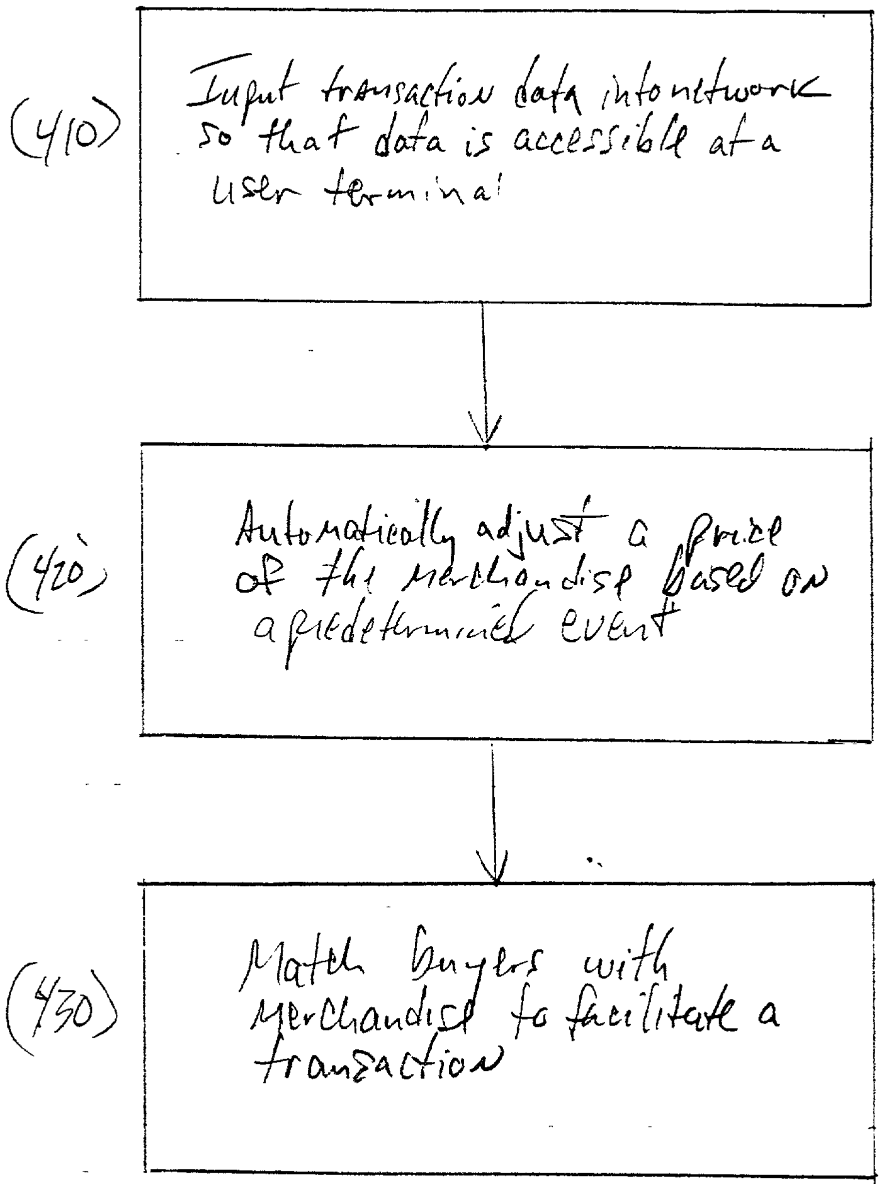
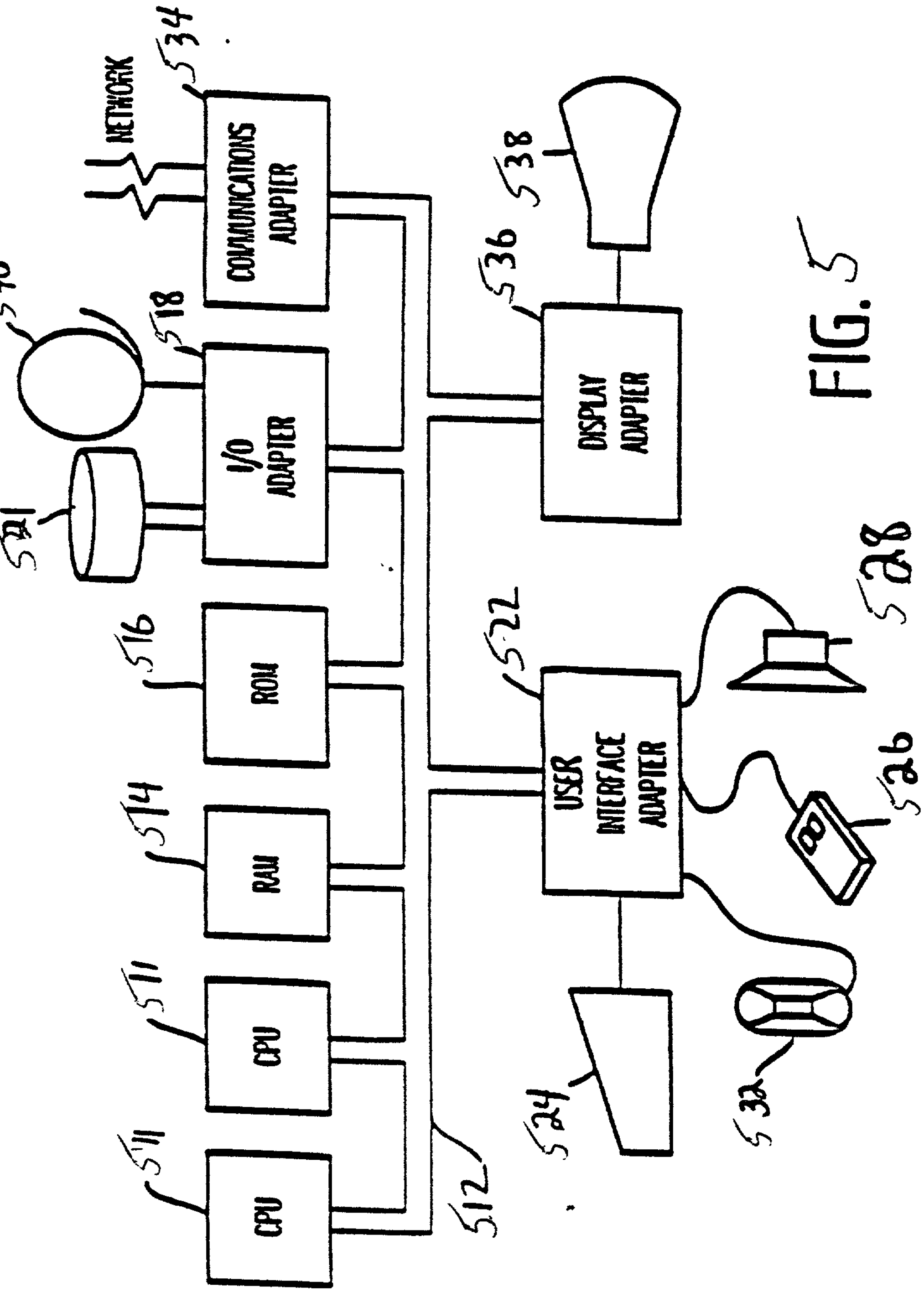

(410)
Input transaction data into network so that data is accessible at a user terminal
(420)
Automatically adjust a price of the merchandise based on a predetermined event
(430)
Match buyers with merchandise to facilitate a transaction

Figure 4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CPU
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FIG. 5

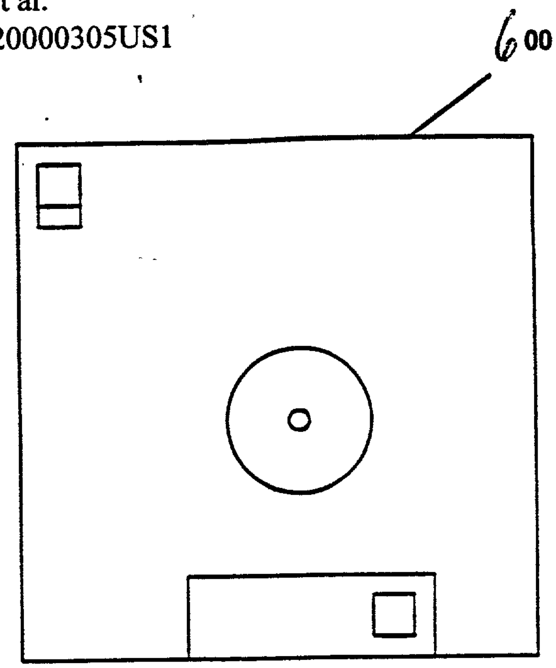

FIGURE 6